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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7698

BILL NUMBER: SB 355

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 10, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Volunteer Fire Department Loans from Bond Bank.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. M. Young

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Bischoff

BILL STATUS: As Passed - Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill adds volunteer fire departments to the list of qualified entities that may enter into financing arrangements with the Indiana Bond Bank.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The Indiana Bond Bank provides a channel through which qualified entities may receive tax-exempt loans and thus lower interest rates compared to conventional loans. This bill would make volunteer fire departments qualified entities who may borrow money from the Indiana Bond Bank. Volunteer fire departments could experience cost savings when borrowing money from the Indiana Bond Bank to finance purchases related to firefighting.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Volunteer fire departments.

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